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Indiana Issues New Charity Gaming Regulations

New regulations governing charity gaming events in Indiana are now in effect. According to the Indiana Department of Revenue, most of the new regulations became effective March 28, 2003. The main exception is a new provision whereby a nonprofit organization must now attain a certain percentage of gaming profit and apply it towards the organization's legal purpose as specified in its bylaws. After May 1, 2004, those organizations that renew their annual bingo licenses and do not attain the applicable percentage will be put on probation for one year and if they fail the second year could lose their license beginning May 2005.

Other provisions include:

- Besides being members of the organizations conducting the games for at least one year, operators must now be Indiana residents and be in good standing with the Department of Revenue. In good standing means they must have filed all personal tax filings with the Department and have no outstanding tax liabilities.
- Workers at an event do not have to be Indiana residents, but will have to be in good standing with the Department and cannot receive any form of payment for their services, including tips.
- Members of an organization's auxiliary will be allowed to serve as workers at a gaming event.
- The Department will be granted unrestricted access to all records of a charity gaming operation including financial and membership.
- A charity gaming license can be revoked if the organization fails to comply with record keeping requirements or refuses to allow for the inspection of records.

The Department is currently updating its charity gaming manual, and seminars have been scheduled throughout the state to outline the new provisions. Those seminars will be held July 11, Madison; July 17, Indianapolis; July 25, Fort Wayne; August 1, Jasper; August 8, Michigan City and August 22, Terre Haute.

A copy of the new regulations can be obtained on the Department's web site at <http://www.state.in.us/dor/publications/charity/pdfs/bingoregs.pdf>.

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